(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ministry of Food has asked Food Corporation of India (FCI) to supply parboiled rice to Kerala Government to the extent possible.

Gujarat Projects Pending for Clearance

4770. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects of Gujarat which are lying pending with the Planning Commission for its approval; and

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Following projects of Gujarat are lying pending with the Planning Commission for investment approval.

S. No.	*Name of the Scheme*
1.	Modernisation of Dantiwada Reservoir
2.	Modernisation of Bhadar Irrigation Project
3.	Modernisation of Shetrunji Irrigation Project
4.	Modernisation of Fatehwadi Canal System
5.	Modernisation of Kharicut Canal System

(b) The decision for the investment clearance for the above projects depends upon the overall resource availability for the state of Gujarat and sectoral priorities attached for various sectors by the State Government in the Eighth Plan which is yet to be formulated and finalised.

[*Translation*]

Drinking Water Schemes of Orissa

4771. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have sent drinking water schemes to Union Government for according its approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure likely to be incurred on each such scheme; and

(c) the action taken for according approval to the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Orissa has sent revised estimates involving an additional expenditure of Rs. 4.24 crores for various schemes in Mini Mission Project Areas of Phulbani, 5 blocks of Ganjam, Korapur and Mayurbhanj districts.

(c) The Schemes are under technical scrutiny.

Advisory Committee for Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution

4722. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute an Advisory committee in the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribu-

tion on the lines of Delhi Telephones Advisory Committee;

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). An Advisory Council on Public Disstribution System (PDS) has been already constituted for reviewing the functioning of the PDS, the management of supplies of essential commodities and other related matters. This is a High Powered Body consisting, among others, of Ministers of Food and Civil Supplies of State Governments etc.

Decontrol of Indigenous Newsprint

4773. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of newspapers have demanded the decontrol of indigenous newsprint and withdrawal of sales tax thereupon;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered their demands; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Newsprint is an essential commodity and regulated under Newsprint Control Order, 1962. The gap between domestic supply and demand is met through import. Government's response to issues such as decontrol is always conditioned by its overriding concern for the healthy growth of the Press in the country.

Sales tax is a State subject under the constitution. The Central Government do not have powers to issue directive to the State Governments for withdrawal of sales tax on any commodity.

[*English*]

Food Processing Units in Chittor District

4774. SHRI MAHASAMUDRAM GYANENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to set up food processing units in Chittor District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details there of; and

(c) if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not directly set up food processing industries in any state. However various Plant Schemes have been formulated by this Ministry to provide financial assistance to the state Governments, State Government Undertakings, their cooperative Societies, and Public Sector Undertakings to setup food processing industries in different states. Under these Schemes a proposal was received from the District Industries Centre, Department of Industries, Chittor, for seeking assistance for setting up a Quality control Lab at Chittor, in March, 1991. They have been requested to submit their proposal through the Andhra Pradesh State Government in accordance with guidelines of this Ministry. So far nothing has been heard from